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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Andersen et al.

Confirmation No: 7632

Serial No.: 09/261,329

Group Art Unit: 1652

Filed: March 3, 1999

Examiner: E. Slobodyansky

For: Cellulase Variants

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

08/13/2004 DHILLIA4 00000001 501701 09261329
01 FC:1202 270.00 DA

05/08/2003 JWSHNG 00000002 501701 09261329
01 FC:1253 930.00 CH

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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO.	
58	1701
FEE CODE	VALUE FURNISHED
1202	270.00

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III. The Rejection of Claims 79, 136, 139, 142 and 143 under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 79, 136, 139, 142, and 143 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Schulein et al. (A) (U.S. Patent No. 6,001,639) in view of Schulein et al. (B) (WO 94/07998). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

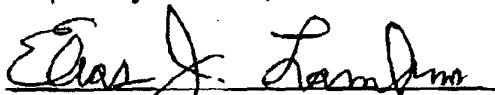
Schulein et al. (A) and Schulein et al. (B) disclose various cellulases and variants thereof. However, neither Schulein et al. reference teaches or suggests the cellulase variants of the present invention.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the claims overcome this rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2002.


It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action be extended for a period of 3 months from February 5, 2003 to May 5, 2003. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$930.

No additional claims fee is required.

Please charge the required extension fee, estimated to be \$930, to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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